

HOMER CHURCH NEWS.

By request of our pastor, H. S. Jacobs, I report as follows: Two persons received into our church recently, man and wife, by relation, from the G. B. church. We met in a church business meeting. It passed off in a business-like manner. Nothing came before the meeting but that which was disposed of. At the close of the business, brother H. gave us a clear idea what progression means, and that the Brethren church was progressive, and that he would take the Brethren creed which was adopted at the convention at Dayton, O., "The New Testament," yesterday after our services, or rather in the afternoon. One young sister was immersed and afterward was confirmed by laying on of hands at the house and home of our pastor. Now she is a full member of the Brethren church. May she ever prove faithful. Her home has been in Iowa. She is a cousin of ours as well as of ye, Editor, rejoice with us.

Sept. 2, 1895.

D. J. MYERS.

FROM HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Since our last report we have added two to the church roll. Last Sunday an estimable lady by relation, to this congregation, and during vacation at our Virginia home, our nephew, who was also home on vacation from his office work in Richmond, Va., capitol of that state, and with the large and prosperous firm of Allen & Gluner, desired trine immersion, which he received, then went on his way rejoicing in the faith of Christ and hope of eternal life. Amen to Brother Moomaw's article in No. 35 on convention.

Sept. 16, 1895.

E. B. SHAVER.

ON THE CAMP GROUND.

We are now in the midst of our camp meeting. It is progressing nicely. Three have already confessed the Lord, and were baptized this morning. The prospect for more is most encouraging. A number of members and friends are in attendance and are camping on the ground. Brother Bowman is doing good service preaching three times each day. Brethren Holsinger, Beer and Harrison are also assisting. More anon.

J. P. WOLFE.

Ripon, Cal., Sept. 3.

My experience of life makes me sure of one thing which I do not try to explain—that the sweetest happiness we ever know comes not from love, but from sacrifice—from the effort to make others happy.—*O'Reily.*

"The fact that we oppose the good is proof that we are bad."

A CORRECTION.

In Vol. 17, No. 34, Rev. J. I. Hall has an article under the caption of "Some Explanations" that needs much explaining before it is possible for the reader to ascertain the truth. He writes two-thirds of a column endeavoring to prejudice the minds of the reader before he reaches the point at issue; and then leaves the reader totally in the dark as to the real cause of the mock expulsion of the Bethlehem Brethren.

1. None of these brethren have been connected with the so called Thurmanite church for over fifteen years. During all this time they never have recognized him as a member of their church.

2. Two-thirds of those that think they are expelled never belonged to the so called Thurmanite church at all.

They were lexpeled without a trial, and without their knowledge.

4. They never to this day have been notified of their expulsion; they do not know how many are accused and considered expelled.

5. They have never desired or tried to force any one to commune on the 14th of the 1st month.

Rev. J. I. Hall is young and inexperienced and all the accusers of the expelled know nothing about Gospel church government, hence I do not desire at this time to question their motives; neither do I believe it proper to consider such difficulties through the paper, but as they have never defended themselves through its columns, but have been misrepresented time and again, if Brother Hall and the Editor are willing *I am prepared and willing* to unearth the whole matter from *a to z*, which will bring to light some strange and startling things, and I am willing to stand or fall by the overwhelming evidence.

6. The accused voted for the committee of State Conference to come and help settle their differences before they were expelled; the accusers refused it.

7. I wrote the Elder three times to give names of those expelled, and he has refused. I wrote to the ones I thought were expeled and they only heard of it as rumor, and don't know who, nor how many are expelled. Hence if these Brethren send for me to dedicate their church, and I can find no legal charges against them, no trial, and no expulsion, I will organize them into a Brethren church. I know them personally, and am sure they are in harmony with the principles of the Brethren church, and also men of good moral character, and their integrity is not questioned.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

Matrimonial.

CONNEL—SCHWALM.—At the Brethren parsonage, Louisville, Ohio, August 29, 1895, by Rev. J. L. Kimmel, Mr. D. H. Connel of North Georgetown, Ohio, and Miss Amelia Schwalm of Homeworth, Ohio.

SWOPE—KEENER.—By the undersigned, at the residence of the bride's parents, August 20, 1895, Mr. B. D. Swope and Miss Carrie Keener.

H. S. JACOBS.

GORDON—ROACH.—By the undersigned, at the bride's parents near Congress, O., Mr. Russel M. Gordon and Miss Linnie Roach, Aug. 15, 1895.

H. S. JACOBS.

RAGER—SINGER.—On Aug. 22, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. John Singer of near Vinco, Cambria Co., Pa., Mr. J. B. Rager and sister Jennie Singer were by the writer united in marriage.

J. F. KOONTZ.

ARICKSON—KEMERER.—Aug. 24, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Hiram Kemerer of near Mineral Point, Cambria Co., Pa., Mr. John Arickson and sister Elsie M. Kemerer, were by the undersigned united in marriage.

J. F. KOONTZ.

Our Dead.

ISA DORA, daughter of D. S. and Francis DeBolt, was born Oct. 18, 1894, and died Aug. 12, 1895. Services at the house.

Unto us a child was given,

Unto us a daughter born;

'Twas a moment's glimpse of heaven,

Sweet and pure ere it was gone.

Masontown, Pa. M. M. STERLING.

FELLOW-WORKERS.

Till a man has learned to be happy without the sunshine, and therein becomes capable of enjoying it perfectly, it is well that the shine and the shadow should mingle as God only knows how to mingle them. To effect the blessedness for which God made him, man must become a fellow-worker with God.—*George Macdonald.*

LIFE is made up not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles, and kindness, and small obligations given habitually are what preserve the heart and secure comfort.—*Sir H. Davy.*